

Social workers play an essential role in alleviating some of America's most difficult problems. Through education, training, and dedication, social workers provide assistance in many different practice areas including health, mental health, child welfare, end of life, adolescent health, HIV/AIDS and family violence. Social workers have the specialized knowledge and expertise to address issues facing older Americans, including providing individual and family counseling, psychosocial assessment and coordinating care.

Madam Speaker, more than 77 million Americans are considered part of the baby boom generation. Adults born between 1946 and 1964 have the distinction of being the largest generation, representing 27 percent of the population. With the aging of baby boomers and the lengthening of life spans, both the number and proportion of older people is rapidly increasing.

Social workers understand that the best elder care requires a broad view of social, environmental, psychological, economic, and health care options. It is the ability to see the intersection of these elements that allow social workers to connect clients with the best resources for them—the best resources to help them along life's journeys. Social workers strive to promote independence, autonomy and dignity for all of their clients. They offer families ways to deal effectively with long-term care responsibilities and work through hospitals nursing homes, hospices, independent and assisted living facilities, public agencies and even in client homes.

National Social Work Month is the ideal time to highlight the immediate and ongoing need for an investment in the social work labor force. As a former psychologist, educator and healthcare professional, I have had the privilege of working with many social workers. I can personally attest that social workers have the specialized knowledge and expertise to address issues facing Americans.

HONORING DR. CHARLES DARLAND

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Charles Darland, an exemplary individual and friend from my Congressional District, on the occasion of his 20-year anniversary as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Raised in West Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. Darland first came to Kentucky in the mid 1970's to complete a Masters Degree of Divinity at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He later earned a Doctorate in Philosophy from the same institution. Dr. Darland's Christian mission first brought him to Grace Baptist Church in Independence, Kentucky. In 1987, he was called to the Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

Dr. Darland's wife, Suzanne, continues to play an important role in his ministry, sharing his passion for the Lord and dedication to his congregation. The couple has also been blessed with three fine sons: Jesse, Daniel, and Joel.

It is my great privilege to honor Dr. Charles Darland today before the entire U.S. House of

Representatives for his dedicated service to the spiritual needs of members of the Baptist faith and the community at large. He is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL WILLIAM BENJAMIN
DIXON, SR., UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Lieutenant Colonel William Benjamin Dixon, Sr. and in honor of his patriotism and a life dedicated to service.

After spending his life dedicated to serving this great Nation, Bill passed away on March 23, 2007. He began as an Air Observation Pilot flying an L-4 and served in the War in Rhineland and Central Europe with the 2nd Infantry Division. He received multiple honors including the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, a Purple Heart, and two Air Force Commendation Medals for meritorious service.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Purna Lee Dixon; five children, Laura Elizabeth Hansbrough of Kansas City, MO; William B. Dixon, Jr. of Bryan, TX; John Robert Dixon of Hingham, MA; Carol Ann Erwin of Sanger, TX; and Milly Ann Vickery of Frost, TX; and 12 grandchildren.

He will be remembered as a devoted family man, a decorated Army Air Corps veteran, and a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. May God bless all those he loved, and may I convey to them my sincerest condolences and the gratitude of the American people.

WILDCATS WIN IT ALL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, a high school football team in the Sixth District of North Carolina recently confirmed and put a new spin the old adage that "If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again." On December 9, 2006, Eastern Randolph High School defeated two-time defending state champion Charlotte Catholic 15-7 to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) 3-AA football title. The Wildcats, determined to overcome two past losses in the title game, used a tenacious defense to smother the Cougars' high-powered offense that averaged more than 31 points and 300 yards a game during the regular season and held Charlotte Catholic to its lowest point total of the year.

Senior linebacker Seth Clapp told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune that Eastern Randolph's previous attempts to win it all fueled the Wildcats all season long. "It hasn't sunk in yet," Clapp told his hometown newspaper. "We came out here with a great opportunity.

We came down here to win and nothing else. My freshman year, we got beat and I said if we ever made it back, we're coming down here to win and nothing else." Win it all the Cougars did at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh to capture the Randolph County school's first football championship since 1983.

An assistant coach when the Wildcats last won the state title, Eastern Randolph Head Coach Burton Cates told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune that he did not have to do a lot of convincing to motivate his squad this season. "They set their goals very high," he told the newspaper. "They didn't start talking about this last August, they started talking about it last January. They were very disappointed in the way the year ended last season (a 41-14 loss to Williams in the state semifinals) and they knew they could be successful and make history at ER like the 1983 team did." As a former assistant coach, Head Coach Burton Cates knows the value that a strong coaching staff brings to a championship quest. Joining him in guiding the Wildcats to the state crown were assistant coaches Greg Hardin (the offensive coordinator), Carl Anker, Lou Peters, Eric Hall, Jose Espallat, and Adam Smith on the offensive side of the ball and Ed Tysinger, Charles Arrington, Cecil Mock, Mark Heilig, Rick Larrick, and John Plimpton handling Eastern Randolph's stellar defense.

Every member of the Eastern Randolph football team played an important role in securing the school's first state championship since 1983. Among the winning Wildcats were Jerrell Milliner, Tyler Hasty, Jake Millikan, Kentrell Bartell, Ethan Rotenberry, Jarod Bowman, Patrick Wright, Kevin York, Josh Hardin, Manny Troxler, Zed Wampler, Michael Blackmon, Jeffrey Fisher, Scott Riddle, Dexter Brooks, Jordan Smith, Tyler Tuttle, Lee Spinks, Matt Simmons, Dominique Grier, Seth Clapp, John Hancox, Atiq Chaudhry, Dennis Bowden, Ryan Hammond, Michael Cheek, Ethen Bailey, Malcolm Greene, Joel Brown, Bill Stanley, Derek Spinks, Ethan Haitcock, Dennis Jones, Scottie Shears, John Scotton, Scott Staley, Trent Hughes, Zach Webster, Andrew Chilco, Preston Jones, Jakob Chilco, Daniel Ritter, Keith Walker, Lloyd Newman, Brantley Fox, Jacob Deaton, A.J. Cannon, Justin Stanley, D.J. Mabry, Nick Picard, Adam Hicks, Josh Wishon, Travis Clapp, Miguel Uribe, Kenny Lassiter, Billy Jaynes, Brent Gallimore, Justin Allred, and Heath Muller.

All of the coaches and players will tell you that the support staff—those you don't see on the field—also play a vital role in completing a championship run. Congratulations are in order for team physician Dr. Robert James, statisticians Larry Ellison, Roger Whitehead and Rick Freeman, coaches assistants Bonika Terry, Dewain Baldwin and Kateira McClain, video director Mo Mower, hospitality director Sandy Hardin, voice of the Wildcats Ron Berbaum, radio play-by-play announcer Tony Wright and color analyst Neill Kivett.

All can take pride in helping Eastern Randolph become the NCHSAA 3-AA state champions this past football season. From Principal R. Parks Allen, the faculty, staff, students, families and fans of the Wildcats will confirm that if at first you don't succeed, look to Eastern Randolph to prove that if you try, try and try again, you can achieve your ultimate dreams.